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This is a reminder for all Region 8 Staff, employees, SEEs, volunteers, and contractors, regarding the EPA's response to and the resulting work on the Gold King Mine incident. Please remember that Region 8, the other affected Regions, and Headquarters have dedicated and trained teams to respond to official inquiries regarding the incident. We ask that you direct any questions about the spill to those designated officials who can provide answers. In addition, we ask that employees be mindful and aware that any comment, statement, or opinion he or she makes either through e-mail, social media, or directly to others may be taken or perceived as an official statement of the EPA on the incident. Only those officials who are authorized to release information can and will release appropriate, correct, and vetted information to the media, public, and those directly affected by the spill.

At this time we have a team of experts and a great deal of resources on-site responding to this incident. We also have a great deal of staff in the Denver area who are supporting the efforts of that team. We encourage all other staff to continue working on their tasks and projects.

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